



The Newsletter of the Beachplum Quilters of the Jersey Shore

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Presidents Message

Hello Quilters,

What a show! My heart is so full thinking about all the hard work, creativity, and teamwork that went into making it such a success. From the planning stages to the final stitches, every one of you played a part—and it truly showed. Our quilts sparkled, our community shined, and the spirit of our guild was on full display. A special thank you to Chiara for the amazing job!

Thank you for your time, your talent, and your willingness to jump in wherever needed. Shows like this don't just happen—they're stitched together with dedication, laughter, and a whole lot of love. I'm sure that Erma will report on the numbers at the May meeting.

And now...spring has sprung! A season of fresh starts, new projects, and maybe even finally opening those windows while we sew. I hope you take a moment to rest, recharge, and feel proud of all we accomplished together.

I'm so grateful to be part of this wonderful group.

With appreciation and a happy heart,

Dina



Deadline for the next newsletter is

June 6, 2026

E-Mail your news in a Word document (not PDF) or email text to: **Donna D.: dondea916@gmail.com**

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Meetings/Events Calendar 2025– 2026

All meetings/events at The Presbyterian Church of Toms River unless otherwise noted. Underlined denotes Guild Meeting.

09/19/25 – Pot Luck Dinner; Budget Review; Audit Report; 2024-2025 Block of the Month Showcase; Programs plans; Quilt Show Challenge presented; Summer Show & Tell; "Use your stuff" challenge project presented...

10/17/25 – Guest Speaker-Ellen H., Collection of Fall Placemats

10/18/25 – Saturday Workshops – Choose 1 of 4 offered:
1) Work on BOM; 2) Working on Sugar & Spice (from May);
3) Is your quilt ready for the Show; 4) Free sew with friends

11/21/25 – Make & Take Project-Cathedral Window Ornament; "Use your stuff" challenge reveal #1

12/19/25 – Pot Luck Dinner, Bring in the first quilt you made for a special Show and Tell.

01/16/26 – Left, Right, Center game night and prizes!

02/20/26 – Spring Placemats collected; Guest Speaker: Ann B.

02/21/26 – Saturday Workshop – Paper pieced clock

03/20/26 – Regular Meeting, Quilt Show preparations; Quilt Show Challenge Quilts vote; Guest Speaker: Pat L.

04/26 – Patchwork Paradise Quilt Show April 11-12
No regular meeting, No Bee Meeting, No April Newsletter

05/15/26 – Guest Speaker: Debbie Kalenty-Studio 180

05/16/26 – Saturday Workshop: Debbie Kalenty-LeMoyne Star Constellation Quilt

06/19/26 – Pot Luck Dinner, Member Photo; "Use your stuff" challenge reveal #2

Minutes of the March 20, 2026 Meeting

Meeting opened by Dina at 6:30 pm.

March Birthdays: Sherise B, Doris M, Denise R, Susan M, JoAnn M, Dina N, Sophie K, Rita R, Laurie S, and Maria S

February minutes were approved. Nominated by Richard L and second by Dona S.

The Nominating Committee presented their nominations for officers at the meeting. No other candidates were put forward and a vote was taken. Motioned by Ellen H, seconded and passed. The officers for 2026-2028 are:

President – Ivette R., Vice President – Chiara O., Treasure – Erma H., Secretary - MaryAnn F.

Chair changeover. Anyone wishing to be more involved in the guild can volunteer to head a committee. Richard is continuing with Door Prizes. Most others are open and we are looking for you.

Challenge Quilts were on display and a vote was taken.

1st place: Quilt#3-Chiara O.

2nd place: Quilt#9-Ann B

3rd place: Quilt#8-Sue B

Quilt Show

If interested in the quilt show history video please contact Chiara.

Quilt Appraisals by Karen Dever, call Chiara for an appointment.

Quilt drop off and Vetting will be Wednesday April 8th from 10-3.

Door prizes, if you took a kit, please finish it and bring it back in.

Debby P. is still collecting for the gift baskets, donating funds is also appreciated.

We are still looking for scribes for the judging.

Treasurer's report-Erma H

The problem with the Article of incorporation was settled. We can continue with our raffle.

Bee News – Ann

No April meeting

Door Prizes-Richard L. handed out four door prizes.

Block of the Month- Winner of this block is Sherre M.

Whole cloth quilt – We received a whole cloth quilt and decided to have a ticket draw for it. Tickets were given to interested persons and it was won by Sharon

Programs-Mary P- Today we have Pat L giving us a trunk show from the Iron Bog Quilters. She came in her historical dress and showed the 14 quilts they have made pertaining to Allaire State Park. She gave a history of Allaire, the family, the furnace, the country store, the tin smith, the black smith and where and how the workers lived. It was very interesting.

Show and Tell-Marlene S

Dismissal-Dina



Block of the Month Reminder:

Remember to bring both your April AND May blocks to the May meeting!

The March Blocks-Nocturne-were won by Sherre M.



Nomination Committee

Candidates were nominated and voted into office for the 2026-2028 Guild term at the March Meeting. They are:

President: Ivette Ramos
Vice President: Chiara Oliver
Treasurer: Erma Hoover
Secretary: Maryann Franz

Those appointed into chairmanships for 2026-2028 will be announced at the May meeting.

Charity Quilts

Six quilts were donated during the March meeting. Deb F. will hold on to the quilts until we have a few more on hand and then she will distribute them

Please ensure that ALL charity quilts donated have a sewn on "Beachplum Quilters of the Jersey Shore" label attached. If the quilt is designated for Quilts for Kids, Charity Quilt Co-chair Deb F. will attach those labels, as needed.

Labels can be picked up at Crafty Fabrics, or contact Deb F.

SHOUT OUT

...to Gail M. for offering her AirBnB rental for use to Guild guests (Show Judge, Speaker/Workshop Leaders) at no cost to the guild, if it is available!
Your generosity is appreciated Gail!

SKILLS! YOU'VE ALL GOT THEM

What makes a great quilt show?
Members' skills & participation
These were on display at the Demonstrations Booth on both days of our show.

THANK YOU to members:

ANN BERGSTEDT, Perfect 1/4" Seams;
JEANNETTE MIDDLEKAUF, Spiral Quilting;
DINA NEWBERT, Bojagi;
DOREEN DALY, Rulers;
MARYANN FRANTZ, Organizing Fabrics for Foundation Paper Piecing;
PEGGY RUANE, Hexies;
PAULA PATRI, Crazy Quilting.

These members volunteered their time & talent which was an important complement to the beautiful quilts on display.

As our booth was next to the membership table, perhaps our demonstrators' efforts generated some new members? Hope so!

~Paula P.

Editor's note: Eight new members joined the guild at the show!



March Program

Pat L. is not only a Beachplum member, she is a strong supporter of Historic Allaire Village and a member of their Bog Iron Quilters Group. She came to the March meeting dressed in a traditional 1800's outfit and displayed quilts from the Bog Iron Quilters and her own personal works. Sue G. also added some comments about the quilts.

All the quilts were remarkable to see, and Pat sent along this addendum, in response to remarks/questions made during the presentation: *"The [ship] Savannah sailed for Liverpool, England in 1819. She carried no passengers and no cargo due to fear of fire from the fire-fed engine. The ship continued on to St. Petersburg, Russia, and returned to America when the proposed sale was not made."*

As Gail Miller noted, the star capped iron rod support was designed as protection from earthquake."



March Program

Photos continued



CHALLENGE QUILTS

Members were given a fabric sample and challenged to create table runners that used that fabric and had a personal connection to them.

Dixie M. and Dianne W. coordinated the challenge. Members voted on their favorite.

1. Beaches From My Life • Chiara O. *1st Place*
2. Numbers • Ann B. - *2nd Place*
3. My Thanks To Mom • Suzanne P. - *3rd Place*
4. Centering • Kathleen K.
5. States of Existence • Mary M.
6. Springtime • Dianne W.
7. Bee My Friend • Dina N.
8. Grandmothers, Mother, and Me • Maria S.
9. Christmas Time for Family Memories • Pat L.
10. Three Sisters • Donna D.



MARCH SHOW and TELL

Chris L.

2 Charity quilts- -baby



Sue P.

Watercolor Wreath



Kit D.

Clock



Paula P.

2 Small Quilt Auction Quilts

Watercolor Heart



MARCH SHOW and TELL

Sherre M.

2 One-Block Quilts-
Jumbalaya



Dianne W.

3 Quilts - Print,
Floral, Cats



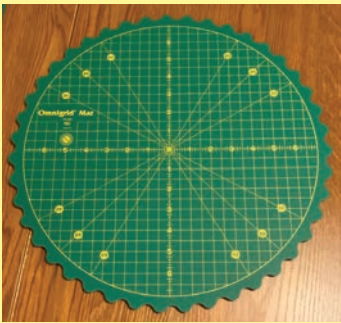
Richard L.

Table Runners



MARCH SHOW and TELL

Ivette R.
Charity Quilts



FOR SALE

Contact Connie S. 732-996-5534

Rotating Omnigrid cutting mat. 14 inch diameter. Never used. \$25.

Cutting or basting table. Canadian spruce. 39"W x 71"L x 35"H. Folds down to 39"W x 17"L x 35"H. Has a small drawer. Originally \$400. Now \$75.

QUILT SHOW April 11-12, 2026

Ocean County Commissioner Jennifer Bacchione visited the Beachplum Quilters of the Jersey Shore's Patchwork Paradise Quilt Show at the Toms River Elks Club on April 11. For more than 40 years, the Beachplum Quilters have brought people together through the art of quilting, building friendships, mentoring new quilters, and creating a warm, creative community.

Commissioner Bacchione presented Chiara Oliver with a certificate on behalf of the Board in recognition of the organization's dedication to preserving quilting traditions in Ocean County for over four decades.



QUILT SHOW

April 11-12, 2026

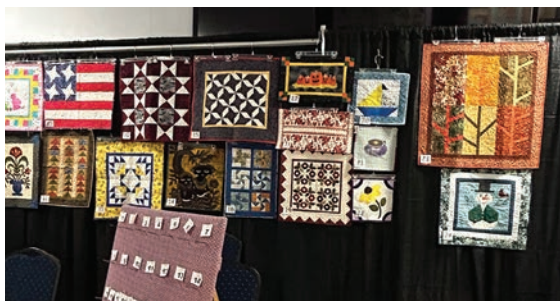
Quilt show winning quilts are displayed on our web site and on our Facebook Page. For the newsletter we are showing you scenes of the Judging and the show itself. Judging and Show Photos courtesy of Dina N., Ivette R. and Laurie S.



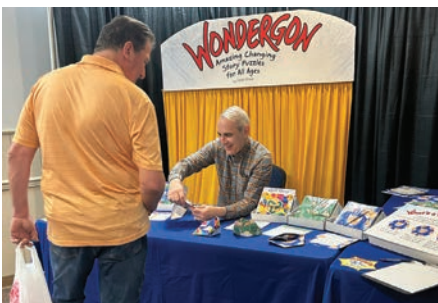
Raffle Quilt Winner Joyce M.



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BEE NEWS

Bee Meetings Calendar 2025 – 2026

All meetings at The Manasquan United Methodist Church,
first Friday of the month, September through June. Meetings start at 1 pm.

09/05/25 – Bee Meeting;
Planning Meeting

10/03/25 – Bee Meeting;
Charity Quilt Sewing

11/07/25 – Bee Meeting;
Cookie Cutter Ornaments

12/05/25 – Sit and Sew
Cookie Exchange

01/02/26 – Bee Meeting;
Watercolor Heart 1
with Maria S.

02/06/26 – Bee Meeting;
Watercolor Heart 2
with Maria S.

03/06/26 – Bee Meeting;
Finish Small Quilts
for Auction

04/03/26 – Good Friday
No Meeting

05/01/26 – Bee Meeting;
Sit & Sew, Charity Quilt
Sewing

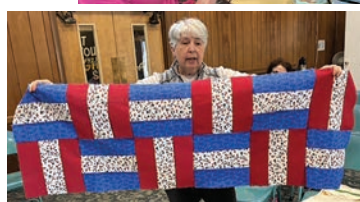
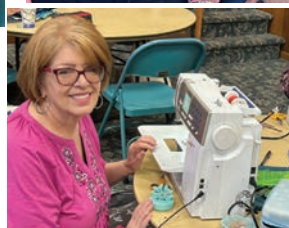
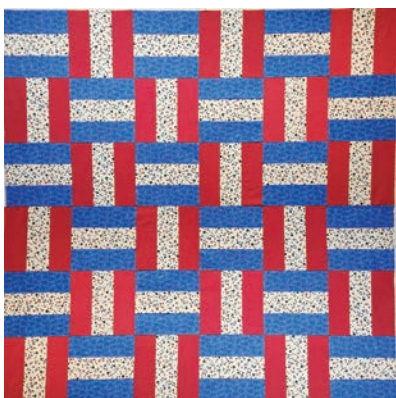
06/05/26 – Bee Meeting;
Sewing Machine Mat
with Ann B

The May meeting activities included Charity Quilt Sewing. Bee members stitched up patriotic charity quilts. Jackie P. provided pre-cut pieces for sewing.

Members also worked on their own projects and all who attended enjoyed a nice afternoon.

All Bee photos courtesy of Ivette R. and Laurie S.

Finished quilt top photo (lower left) courtesy of Jackie P.



MAY BEE MEETING SHOW and TELL

Regina L.

3D Flying Geese Quilt



Jackie P.

Mini Quilt of Valor

Replica of one made and delivered in 2020



Donna D.

Charity Quilt (just returned from Marcia G.)



Maryann F.

Watercolor Heart



MAY BEE MEETING SHOW and TELL

Sherre M.
Charity Quilts



Laurie S.

Oriental Peacocks (2009)
Cotton Candy (2018)
My Blue Moons (2025)
Christmas Ribbons (2026)



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Meetings are held the 3rd Friday of each month
September through June
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DOORS OPEN AT 6 pm;
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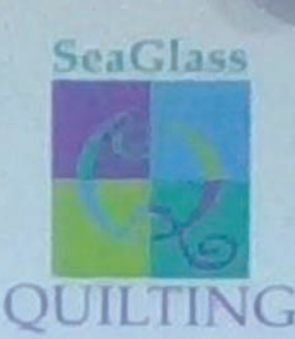
2026 Quilt Show Chair

Chiara Oliver

May Meeting Checklist

- Name tag and a welcome smile for guests
- Block of the Month • Show & Tell • Charity quilts
- **Donations to The Hope Center:** Feminine pads, tampons, toiletries, diapers, formula, baby food, soup, canned meats, canned vegetables

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Meetings are held the 1st Friday of each month
September through June

at the Manasquan United Methodist Church,
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MEETING from 1pm-3:30pm